

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 12, 2024



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Introduction

The gospel for Easter's seventh Sunday is always taken from the long prayer Jesus prays for his followers in John's gospel on the night before his death, and always includes Jesus' desire that his followers will be one as he and the Father are one. This oneness is not mere doctrinal agreement or institutional unity, but mutual abiding, interpenetrating life, mutual love, and joy. This oneness is the work of the Spirit whom we have received but also await. Come, Holy Spirit!

Prelude

Sun Coe

Welcome and Announcements

Service of the Word

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Marcy Anzelon – May 12

Max Hall – May 16

Anthem Chorale





HAPPY
MOTHER'S
DAY!

Children's Message

Confession and Forgiveness

You May Stand or Sit

Congregational responses are in bold

In the name of the Father, and the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

God of all mercy and consolation,
come to the help of your people,
turning us from our sin to live for you alone.

Give us the power of your Holy Spirit
that we may confess our sin,
receive your forgiveness, and
grow into the fullness of Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of
God and one another.

**Gracious God,
have mercy on us.**

**We confess that we have turned from you
and given ourselves into the power of sin.**

We are truly sorry and humbly repent.

**In your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things we have done
and things we have failed to do.**

**Turn us again to you,
and uphold us by your Spirit,
so that we may live and serve you
in newness of life through Jesus Christ,
our Savior and Lord.
Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,
Jesus Christ was given to die for us,
and for his sake God forgives us all our sins.
As a called and ordained minister of the
church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the
entire forgiveness of all your sins,
in the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Beautiful Savior, King of creation,

Son of God and Son of Man!

**Truly I'd love thee, truly I'd serve thee,
light of my soul, my joy, my crown.**

Fair are the meadows,

fair are the woodlands,

robed in flow'rs of blooming spring;

**Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer,
he makes our sorrowing spirit sing.**

**Fair is the sunshine, fair is the moonlight,
bright the sparkling stars on high;
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels in the sky.**

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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion
of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Kyrie Eleison

(by Mark Anzelon)

**Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy.**

**Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison,
Kyrie eleison, Lord have mercy,
Lord have mercy.**

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Hymn of Praise (Glory to God)

(Mark Anzelon)

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth;**

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth.**

**For you alone are the Lord most high,
You alone are the Lord, God almighty;
For you alone are the Lord most high,
You alone are the Lord, God almighty.**

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth;
Glory to God in the highest
and peace to God's people on earth,
and peace to God's people on earth.**

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Prayer of the Day (in unison)

**Gracious and glorious God,
you have chosen us as your own, and by
the powerful name of Christ
you protect us from evil.**

**By your Spirit transform us and your
beloved world, that we may find our joy
in your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading:

Acts 1:15-17, 21-26

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred twenty persons) and said, ¹⁶“Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.” ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us during all the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken

up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.” ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, “Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.” ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm
Psalm 1

Let us pray this psalm responsively

¹Happy are they who have not walked in the counsel of the wicked, nor lingered in the way of sinners, nor sat in the seats of the scornful!

²**Their delight is in the law of the LORD,
and they meditate on God's teaching day
and night.**

³They are like trees planted by streams of water,
bearing fruit in due season, with leaves that do
not wither; everything they do shall prosper.

⁴**It is not so with the wicked; they are like chaff
which the wind blows away.**

⁵Therefore the wicked shall not stand upright when
judgment comes, nor the sinner in the council of
the righteous.

⁶**For the LORD knows the way of the righteous,
but the way of the wicked shall be destroyed.**

Second Reading:

1 John 5:9-13

⁹If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. ¹⁰Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. ¹¹And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. ¹²Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life.

¹³I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Allelu-u-ia!**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.**

**Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life,
Allelu-u-ia!**

**Alleluia, Alleluia,
Alleluia, Alleluia,
Allelu-u-ia!**

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Gospel:

The Gospel according to
John the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁶“I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours,

and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made

complete in themselves. ¹⁴I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁵I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. ¹⁷Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Deacon Tempie D. Beaman



I was there to hear your borning cry,

I'll be there when you are old.

I rejoiced the day you were baptized

to see your life unfold.

I was there when you were but a child,

with a faith to suit you well;

in a blaze of light you wandered off

to find where demons dwell.

**When you heard the wonder of the Word
I was there to cheer you on;
you were raised to praise the living Lord,
to whom you now belong.**

**If you find someone to share your time
and you join your hearts as one,
I'll be there to make your verses rhyme
from dusk till rising sun.'**

**In the middle ages of your life,
not too old, no longer young,
I'll be there to guide you through the night,
complete what I've begun.**

**When the evening gently closes in
and you shut your weary eyes,
I'll be there as I have always been,
with just one more surprise."**

**I was there to hear your borning cry,
I'll be there when you are old.
I rejoiced the day you were baptized
to see your life unfold.**

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The Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again; he ascended
into heaven, he is seated
at the right hand of the Father, and
will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection
of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Rejoicing that Jesus is risen and love
has triumphed over fear,
let us pray for the church, the world,
and all those in need of good news.

God of grace,

Receive our prayer.

O Lord, answer the needs of loved ones
and friends as we call out their names,
either within our hearts or aloud.

**Sandra Martinez, Dave McLaughlin,
Lillian Campbell, Rachel Roitman, Dr. Dokko,
Leslie Eggers (Courtney's Mom), Betty Brown,
Lee Clarke, Tom Freckman, Steve Stelter,
John Wood, Tony Zuniga, David Banfi,
Carlotta Banfi, Angelo Banfi, Jessica Serrano, Jen Kogut**

God of grace, receive our prayer.

You sanctify us in your truth; your word is truth.

Send your church out into the world
to spread your love and joy.

Embolden all bishops, pastors, and deacons to be
faithful ministers of your word and sacraments.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your creation groans under the strain of pollution.
Preserve melting glaciers and dwindling forests.
Bolster those who work for climate justice and
help us all to be good and faithful
stewards of your creation.
God of grace, **receive our prayer**

Your people seek wisdom,
understanding, and peace.
Guide all those who govern
and inspire them to work on behalf
of the most vulnerable in our midst.
Keep safe first responders,
those serving in the military,
and those whose duty it is to protect others.
God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your children need your loving care.

Protect them from all harm.

Comfort those in any affliction.

Support those who grieve and
bring solace to those near death.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Your Spirit lives within us here.
Inspire the work of this congregation
and unite us as one.

Bless all the mothers in our midst,
console those for whom this day is difficult,
and gather us all under the care
of your loving wings.

God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

Into your hands,
most merciful God,
we commend all for whom we pray,
trusting in your abiding love;
through Jesus Christ,
our resurrected and living Lord.
Amen.

*The peace of Christ be with you always,
And also with you.*

Sharing the Peace:
The peace of the Lord be with you,
And also with you.

Please be seated

Offering for the mission
of the church,
including the care
of those in need.

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**When I feel afraid, think I've lost my way,
still you're there right beside me,
and nothing will I fear
as long as you are near.
Please be near me to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**I will not forget your love for me,
and yet my heart forever is wandering.**

**Jesus, be my guide
and hold me to your side,
and I will love you to the end.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

**Thy word is a lamp unto my feet
and a light unto my path.**

*Text: Psalm 119:105. refrain; Michael W. Smith,
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Offering Prayer

Risen One,
you call us to believe and bear fruit.
May the gifts that we offer here
be signs of your abiding love.
Form us to be your witnesses in the world,
through Jesus Christ, our true vine.
Amen.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

**Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.**

**Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours, now and forever. Amen**

**Let all things now living
a song of thanksgiving
to God the creator triumphantly raise,
who fashioned and made us,
protected and stayed us,
who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us,
his light goes before us,
a pillar of fire shining forth in the night,**

**till shadows have vanished
and darkness is banished,
as forward we travel from light into light.**

**His law he enforces,
the stars in their courses
and sun in its orbit obediently shine;
the hills and the mountains,
the rivers and fountains,
the deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.**

**We too should be voicing
our love and rejoicing;
with glad adoration a song let us raise
till all things now living
unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest,
hosanna and praise!"**

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Blessing & Dismissal

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!
The God of resurrection power,
the Christ of unending joy,
and the Spirit of Easter hope
✠ bless you now and always.
Amen.

Blessing & Dismissal

Alleluia! Go in peace. Rejoice and be glad.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

Postlude

Sun Coe